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REMARKS

Claims 1-95 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to re-present the same or similar subject matter in subsequently filed continuing applications.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the previous grounds of rejection are rendered moot by the cancellation of the claims and the addition of the present claims. In summary, none of the references alone or in combination teach providing an oxidation layer on a surface of a component case or an interior surface of a device housing that forms an electrically insulative barrier. As the insulative layer is actually a formation of the housing or component, there is no secondary material or liner that is required to be utilized. Such a liner or secondary material makes fabrication more difficult in sizing components, aligning components, preventing relative movement and pinching material during assembly.

As such, Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are allowable and requests notice of the same.

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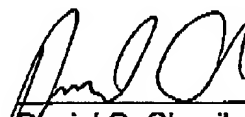
CONCLUSION

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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